

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the PATENT application of

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For: Method and System for Reducing Host Variable Impact on Access Path Selection

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.